

AMENDMENT OF SOLICITATION/MODIFICATION OF CONTRACT				1. CONTRACT ID NO.	PAGE OF PAGES 1 3	
2. AMENDMENT/MODIFICATION NO. 002		3. EFFECTIVE DATE Sept 30, 2003	4. REQUISITION/PURCHASE REQ. NO.	5. PROJECT NO. (if applicable)		
6. ISSUED BY National Institutes of Health National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute Rockledge II, Room 6114 6701 ROCKLEDGE DR MSC 7902 BETHESDA MD 20892-7902			7. ADMINISTERED BY (if other than Item 6)	CODE		
8. NAME AND ADDRESS OF CONTRACTOR (No., street, county, State and ZIP Code) Recipients of RFP-NHLBI-HV-04-13 "Laboratory Centers for the NHLBI DNA Re-sequencing and Genotyping Program"				<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	9A. AMENDMENT OF SOLICITATION NO. RFP-NHLBI-HV-04-13	
				<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	9B. DATED (SEE ITEM 13) August 14, 2003	
					10A. MODIFICATION OF CONTRACT/ORDER NO.	
					10B. DATED (SEE ITEM 13)	
CODE		FACILITY CODE				

11. THIS ITEM APPLIES TO AMENDMENTS OF SOLICITATIONS

The above numbered solicitation is amended as set forth in Item 14. The hour and date specified for receipt of offers is extended, is not extended.

Offerors must acknowledge receipt of this amendment prior to the hour and date specified in the solicitation or as amended, by one of the following methods:

(a) By completing Items 8 and 15, and returning _____ copies of the amendment; (b) By acknowledging receipt of this amendment on each copy of the offer submitted; or (c) By separate letter or telegram which includes a reference to the solicitation and amendment numbers. FAILURE OF YOUR ACKNOWLEDGMENT TO BE RECEIVED AT THE PLACE DESIGNATED FOR OFFERS PRIOR TO THE HOUR AND DATE SPECIFIED MAY RESULT IN REJECTION OF YOUR OFFER. If by virtue of this amendment you desire to change an offer already submitted, the change must be made by telegram or letter, provided each telegram or letter makes reference to the solicitation and this amendment, and is received prior to the opening hour and date specified in the solicitation.

12. ACCOUNTING AND APPROPRIATION DATA (if required)

13. THIS ITEM APPLIES ONLY TO MODIFICATIONS OF CONTRACTS/ORDERS, IT MODIFIES THE CONTRACT/ORDER NO. AS DESCRIBED IN ITEM 14.

A. THIS CHANGE ORDER IS ISSUED PURSUANT TO: (Specify authority) THE CHANGES SET FORTH IN ITEM 14 ARE MADE IN THE CONTRACT ORDER NO. _____

B. THE ABOVE NUMBERED CONTRACT/ORDER IS MODIFIED TO REFLECT THE ADMINISTRATIVE CHANGES (such as changes in paying office, appropriation data, etc.) SET FORTH IN ITEM 14, PURSUANT TO THE AUTHORITY OF FAR 43.103(b).

C. THIS SUPPLEMENTAL AGREEMENT IS ENTERED INTO PURSUANT TO AUTHORITY OF: _____

D. OTHER (Specify type of modification and authority) _____

E. IMPORTANT: Contractor is not, is required to sign this document and return _____ copies to the issuing office.

14. DESCRIPTION OF AMENDMENT/MODIFICATION (Organized by UCF section headings, including solicitation/contract subject matter where feasible)

Recently received inquiries are discussed on the following pages concerning RFP-NHLBI-HV-04-13, Laboratory Centers for the NHLBI DNA Re-sequencing and Genotyping Program.

A picture of the Contracting Officer's signature is omitted from Block 16B. of this amendment to reduce the file size.

Except as provided herein, all terms and conditions of the document referenced in Item 9A or 10A, as heretofore changed, remains unchanged and in full force and effect.

15A. NAME AND TITLE OF SIGNER (Type or print)		16A. NAME AND TITLE OF CONTRACTING OFFICER (Type or print) Betty Nordan Contracting Officer, WHI Contracts Team	
15B. CONTRACTOR/OFFEROR (Signature of person authorized to sign.)	15C. DATE SIGNED	16B. UNITED STATES OF AMERICA BY <u>Betty Nordan</u> (Signature of Contracting Officer)	16C. DATE SIGNED

The following inquiry has been received: 1. Does the genotyping approach need to work for all SNPs in a given gene?

The following response applies: NHLBI is interested in obtaining high throughput genotyping systems that will identify a high percentage of the SNPs in a gene. Therefore, offerors need to address how they will handle SNPs that are difficult to genotype using their primary method.

The following inquiry has been received: 2. Does the NHLBI want offerors to propose multiple genotyping platforms?

The following response applies: The NHLBI anticipates that some novel SNPs could be difficult to genotype with the primary high throughput method and will need more specialized, although still high throughput, genotyping approaches. For a proposal to be technically acceptable, it must offer (and document) the high throughput system(s) for identifying the majority of the SNPs. Offerors with other available platforms may also offer alternative genotyping approaches, provided that they submit a proposal for performance as specified in the statement of work. Such alternative proposals may be considered if they are in the best interests of the Government. Alternative proposals, or deviations from any requirements of this RFP, shall be clearly identified and shall clearly identify why acceptance of the proposal would be advantageous to the Government. Alternative proposals must describe and document the method(s), throughput(s), accuracy, and cost/price(s). See **Section L, Instructions, Conditions and Notices to Offerors**, of the RFP, specifically Items 3 and 22 (5) Alternate Proposals.

The following inquiry has been received: 3. The maximum allowable cost for resequencing, is indicated as \$25 per kilobase. Is that per DNA sample (I'm assuming that 24 samples will be sequenced)?

The following response applies: \$25 per kilobase is per DNA sample, meaning one person not a group of samples.

The following inquiry has been received: 4. Is the \$25 per kilobase figure applicable to direct costs, or total (direct and indirect) costs?

The following response applies: The \$25 limit is inclusive of direct and indirect costs.

The following inquiry has been received: 5. Our company is not US based, and we understand that the RFP is limited to offerors in the United States. Would an option be to partner with a US based firm?

The following response applies: If the proposal is from a US offeror, it will be forwarded for technical review. However, to be selected for award, any offer with subcontracting, whether US or foreign, must show the overall benefit in the proposed subcontracting arrangement as compared to the inherent technical and managerial disadvantages.

The following inquiry has been received: 6. Will this contract be restricted in terms of the size of the business that is eligible for award?

The following response applies: This RFP is not a small business set-aside. No restrictions apply regarding the size of the offeror.

